

AUBURN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, April 9 2009, 8:00 a.m.

Auburn Civic Center, Rose Room, Auburn, CA 95603

Meeting called to order by Chair Louise Burda Gilbert

A quorum was declared. Those present: Everett Jensen, Aloha Baumgarten, Louise Burda Gilbert, Sue Dings & guests: Kristin Aplin, Rosie Stilwell, Nancy Lange, Marti Niles, Mary Beauchamp, Mariko Leonard, Hannah Peterson, City Council representative, Bridget Powers and City Manager, Robert Richardson. Guests were introduced and welcomed.

Minutes of March 12, 2009 were accepted with the correction: Aloha also offered to help with the City Hall Gallery.

Project Reports: Art in Public Places

Streetscape project: Bridget Powers and Bob Richardson described the layout of the Streetscape project and provided copies of diagrams visually illustrating the project. There are currently planned to be a total of 9 locations for public art with varying levels of exposure and visibility. In Phase one, which is to be completed by Thanksgiving, three pedestals are planned for sculptures, one large pedestal and two smaller pedestals. The arts Commission will be taking a lead role in recommending selection methods and participating in the selection of the sculptures. Construction is planned to begin in late June. Preliminarily the Arts Commission has been asked to advise the city council on 1- what type of sculpture would best suit these locations, 2- a selection process for the art pieces and artists as well as 3- estimating a budget for the art proposed. A committee of Everett, Aloha and Louise will meet to discuss these issues regarding the three first pieces of art for the streetscape project. Those sculptures will be located at the main intersection and public plaza contemplated for Phase 1 of the project.

Mural Projects:

Elks Club wall mural: nothing new to report. Installation is still planned for late spring 2009 and will tie in nicely with beginning of construction on Phase 1 of the streetscape project.

A new mural on the wall of the Dancing Dog Productions, 1101 High Street, remains under consideration. City council is being asked to integrate the cost of this mural into the streetscape budget. Prospects are favorable. The Commission is considering a work proposed by Sierra College instructor, Gary Graham and his students.

City Hall Gallery: The current show has been installed by Placer Arts League. They are providing the refreshments for the Art Walk this evening. Mariko Leonard, the AAC Volunteer Gallery Coordinator distributed the schedule for the 2009 gallery shows. Everett Jensen and his students are scheduled to be display their art during May and June.

Hannah Peterson, chair of Auburn's Youth Commission, is arranging a gallery show of local youth art for June and July. She might need temporary storage space at City Hall for some pictures.

Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center: The reconstructed small theatre will host its first reception and concert, the Mitguards, on April 26 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15, adults, \$8 youth. A movie screen and projector have been purchased to show movies.

School Park Preserve: Commissioners took a field trip to the area to view and discuss possibilities for its use. An event during or after Auburn's Saturday Farmer's Market was proposed. Mary Beauchamp offered to research the Grass Valley Farmers Market event & report back to the Commission on Nevada County's events.

Old Business:

Commission vacancies: Two applications have been submitted to the City Clerk. Others are planning to apply to fill the four vacancies. An architect is needed to fill one of the four seats.

New Business: Change of next meeting date: **Changed to Thursday, May 21, 7:30 a.m. Room 10**

Future Agenda items: Recommendation to City Council re: new Arts Commissioners

Meeting adjourned: at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by Sue Dings, Secretary

Next Meeting May 21, 7:30 a.m. Room 10

